

an improvised explosive device and tragically succumbed to his wounds on Saturday, August 7, 2010.

Corporal Max W. Donahue was a shining example of United States Marine Corps service and sacrifice. As a retired Marine Corps combat veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his family, his fellow Marines, and all who knew him.

GOP LEADERS CHOOSE TAX CUTS FOR WEALTHIEST FEW OVER TEACHERS, NURSES, AND POLICE OFFICERS

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, today's legislation clearly demonstrates the differences between the two parties. Congressional Republicans have made their choice clear. The GOP is calling for an extension of the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest few and saddling Americans with nearly \$700 billion in debt versus our Democratic paid-for bill that creates and maintains 310,000 jobs for hardworking Americans.

Our legislation will save or create more than 310,000 American jobs for teachers, firefighters, police officers, and nurses. These funds are needed now to prevent layoffs and actually rehire teachers and prevent law enforcement officers from losing their jobs.

Bottom line is congressional Republicans would rather extend the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest few and saddle Americans with a \$700 billion debt. Our Democratic legislation is fully paid for by closing costly corporate tax loopholes that allow corporations to shift American jobs overseas. Democrats are moving America forward while the congressional Republicans want to take us back to the exact same failed policies of the Bush administration that drove us into this economic ditch.

AFGHAN HUMANITARIANS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, this weekend, we received sad and disturbing news from Afghanistan as 10 humanitarian aid workers, six of them Americans, were killed in a barbaric Taliban attack.

Among those killed was one of my constituents, Glen Lapp of Lancaster, as well as Brian Carderelli, whose family I have worked with on humanitarian aid projects. The team leader, Tom Little, served with his wife and daughters in Afghanistan for over 30 years. They were ambushed while traveling from an isolated village where they provided eye care and other medical assistance. The group they were working with, International Assistance

Mission, has been working in Afghanistan for decades, reaching out to heal the sick and restore sight.

Because of the barbaric actions of the Taliban and these senseless killings, the people of Afghanistan will lose the valuable assistance of individuals with special medical skills to help those living far away from modern medical services.

I know that Glen, Brian, Tom and all of the volunteers will be dearly missed and we honor them for their courage and love for the Afghan people and their service to them.

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SUPPORTING EDUCATION JOBS AND MEDICAID ASSISTANCE ACT

(Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, just say no? That's not a solution. The Democrats in the House of Representatives want to find solutions and pay for them, and that's what we are doing.

Earlier this year, 42 governors wrote to us and said they needed help paying for health care for the poorest people in their States and 42 governors were out of money. So the Democrats came up with a solution to provide money to these States so that they could provide health care to their poorest people, and we found a way to pay for every penny of it and not add a penny to the deficit and this way help those poor people who needed it, help the governors, and reduce the burden of taxes on local and State taxpayers. We did it by cutting loopholes for corporations who were getting a tax break for taking their companies overseas.

See who votes which way. The Democrats came up with the solution. We paid for every penny of it. We are helping the States, the taxpayers, and those in need. We are moving the country forward.

We will not allow this country to go back to the policies that brought us to the brink of disaster.

TIME TO RECLAIM OUR COUNTRY

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, how bad does it have to get?

Over 20 million Americans are out of work or have given up looking for work. Federal spending is out of control, and congressional Democrats won't even propose a budget.

The administration intentionally takes actions to weaken immigration laws; Federal judges assault our time-tested values; and the administration wants to hike taxes on individuals, small businesses, and investments, which will kill jobs.

How bad does it have to get before Americans reclaim our country?

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the legislation we will be voting on in a few hours. It isn't perfect, but it will provide critical assistance to States' strapped budgets. It will save or create more than 300,000 jobs.

Now, during the debate over restoring the unemployment insurance program, the Republicans whined out here on floor that the bill wasn't paid for. I will remind them the bill before us is paid for and, in fact, will reduce the deficit by nearly \$1.5 billion. So we shouldn't hear one single word from now till 3 o'clock about it ain't paid for. It is paid for.

I will say it again. It will save 300,000 jobs.

Still, I bet every Republican will vote "no." Why? Not because they think it's a bad policy, but because they want to do everything in their power to make certain that President Obama can't get this country going again. They have been dragging their feet for 18 months, 20 months now. Come November, I think they are going to find it was a dumb policy.

EXTEND TAX CUTS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, instead of calling Congress back into session to protect special-interest unions and add more tax increases, we should be focusing on policies that give American families incentives to invest and create jobs.

Americans should be concerned now about the job-killing bill and the tax increase we are likely to see before the end of the year. Also, after the election in November, Washington liberals will try to ram through a national energy tax, remove the right to a secret workers' ballot, and continue to skyrocket America's deficits with reckless spending.

In an effort to prevent this job-killing, lame-duck tactic, I support Congressman TOM PRICE's resolution that eliminates a lame-duck session. This promise is critical in order to represent the will of the American majority, who have serious concerns about reckless spending and more taxes, as over 20 million citizens are out of work or have given up looking for work.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.